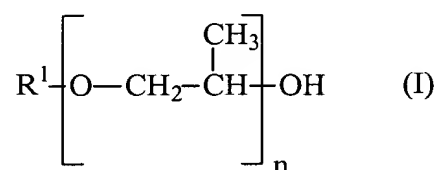


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, comprising a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel, and an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



where

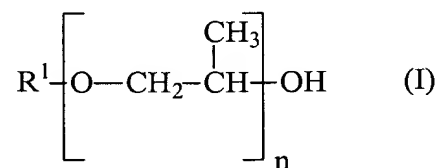
n is an integer of from 14 to ~~18~~ 17 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl.

Claim 2 (Original): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 1, which contains the propoxylate of the formula I in an amount of from 50 to 5000 mg/kg of fuel.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, containing a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel, comprising an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of an additive combination comprising

i) at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl; and

ii) at least one detergent additive, selected from a polyalkylamine additive of the formula II



where R² is a straight-chain or branched polyalkyl radical having a number average molecular weight of from about 500 to about 5000; and

if required in combination with at least one lubricity additive.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains the additives i) and ii) in a total amount of from about 100 to about 10000 mg/kg of fuel.

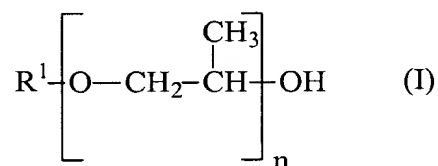
Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains the additives i) and ii) in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to about 10:1.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, comprising at least one polyalkylamine additive of the formula II, where R² is a radical derived from identical or different C₂-C₃₀-alkenes.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains, as an additive of the formula II, at least one polyisobutenamine having a number average molecular weight of from 800 to 1500.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises at least one additive of the formula I, where n is the integer 15 and R¹ is a straight-chain or branched C₁₃-alkyl.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A fuel additive comprising, as intake valve cleaner component, at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl,

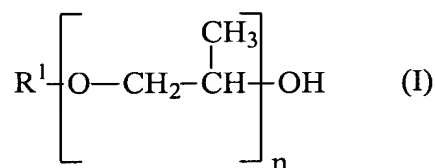
if required in combination with at least one detergent additive and, if required, together with further conventional fuel additives.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10, further containing a polyalkylamine, wherein the fuel additive mixture contains the at least one propoxylate additive and the polyalkylamine in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to 10:1.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10, which contains as a further additive component at least one lubricity additive.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A method of improving the intake system cleaning effect of a fuel composition for internal combustion engines, the method comprising providing the fuel composition with an effective amount of a propoxylate additive of formula I



where

n is an integer of from 10 to 20 and

R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 14, wherein the propoxylate additive of formula I is provided in combination with at least one detergent additive.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which comprises at least one additive of the formula I, where n is the integer of 15 and R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₁₃-alkyl.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The fuel composition of Claim 1, wherein n is 15.

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Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The fuel composition of Claim 3, wherein n is 15.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended as supported at page 9, line 35 of the specification. Claim 15 has been amended for clarity only.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 will now be active in this application.